

# camden council

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20 June 2025

Mr. Andrew Nicholls PSM Chief Executive Officer Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal PO Box K35 Haymarket Post Shop NSW 1240

Dear Mr. Nicholls,

# **RE: PRICES FOR SYDNEY WATER CORPORATION FROM 1 OCTOBER 2025**

I am writing to you regarding the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's (IPART) recent release of its Draft Report into the review of prices that Sydney Water Corporation can charge for water and water-related services for the period 2025 - 2030. In this regard, the following correspondence represents Council's submission by way of response to IPART's Draft Report, for your consideration.

Please note that this submission, while prepared by Council officers, is not formally endorsed via a resolution of Council. Due to the timing for release of IPART's Draft Report, and Council's set meeting schedule for 2025, it was not possible to report a submission to Council prior to IPART's due date for feedback of 23 June 2025.

The recommendations of IPART's Draft Report are significant for South Western Sydney, including the Camden local government area (LGA), as the cost and sequencing for delivery of water and water-related infrastructure has a key role to play in shaping its future as a sustainable and liveable community. The following issues highlight the potential impacts for future growth in the Camden LGA resulting from the recommendations in IPART's Draft Report.

# Housing Growth in the Camden LGA

It is noted that IPART's Draft Report relies upon the NSW Government's 'Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's' (DPHI) current housing supply forecast, the basis on which it recommends a reduction in investment for the delivery of water and water-related infrastructure in the Greater Sydney Region. However, the Camden LGA is expected to experience an unprecedented increase in growth over the next 20 years, with a forecast additional population in excess of 100,000+, resulting in a future community of over 200,000+ residents.









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Council notes that the data on which IPART has based its recommendations in the Draft Report may not adequately reflect a true picture of the anticipated growth in the Camden LGA. Council has repeatedly conveyed to the NSW Government that its planning assumptions developed for future growth in the Western Parkland City do not reflect current development trends, nor changes to planning policy by the NSW Government e.g. Transport Oriented Development, Housing Delivery Authority, Low and Mid Rise Housing Policies etc. It is possible that the information used by IPART in developing its Draft Report is not reflective of the most likely outcome for population/dwelling data in the Camden LGA, and that a holistic review of the Draft Report and the underpinning data should be conducted before IPART makes any final recommendations on strategic infrastructure investment.

# Delivery of Water and Water-Related Infrastructure in the Camden LGA

The provision of supporting infrastructure remains an essential requirement for the success of timely housing supply. The two elements of essential infrastructure and housing supply are directly linked, insofar as that wherever there exists a housing supply problem, so too is there a likely shortfall of essential supporting infrastructure.

The provision of effective supporting infrastructure to housing supply has the inherent need for coordination in its delivery. Even when infrastructure projects are committed for construction in South Western Sydney, without an integrated approach to planning/implementation, there remains a risk in the timing or spatial sequencing of essential infrastructure needed to support the provision of housing supply. Sydney Water has a key role in the planning and delivery of water and water-related infrastructure, and to be successful in this role, it is essential that delivery of this infrastructure is coordinated with other utility and infrastructure providers in supporting housing supply.

We would welcome the opportunity to speak with IPART officers regarding Council's submission if this would be of assistance. Should you require any further information regarding Council's submission, please do not hesitate to contact myself on



Yours sincerely





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